

**Report to  
House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human  
Services,  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and  
Fiscal Research Division**

**On**

**Dorothea Dix Hospital  
Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

**Session Law 2010-31, Section 10.10(a)**

**August 1, 2010**

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services,  
Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse  
Services and Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities**

**Dorothea Dix Hospital**  
**Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

The Special Provision outlined in Session Law, 2010-31, Section 10.10(a), states; *Not later than August 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall submit an operations budget for Dorothea Dix Hospital for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.*

The Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities within the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for the oversight and management of 14 state-operated healthcare facilities that treat adults and children with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. The Division devises statewide standards of care that are unique to each disability group and program that best meet the treatment and care needs of the populations served. The Division partners with regional advocacy groups, local management entities, provider systems, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services as well as other stakeholders.

Dorothea Dix Hospital currently operates with a daily bed capacity of approximately 225 beds. The hospital employs an approximate staff of 800 to cover the range of services necessary to operate a psychiatric hospital seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. Care is provided in the following service areas: adult admissions, adult long-term, and three levels of forensic treatment, including pre-trial evaluation, clinical research, and child outpatient.

Dorothea Dix Hospital is operating with funds certified in budget code 14460. The Hospital's operational budget for SFY 2010-2011 to cover the clinical services listed above requires State appropriations of \$57,936,998. The information below and the attached chart provide a breakout of these costs which reflects a shortfall of \$28,950,638 in State appropriations.

Required State Appropriations for SFY 2010-2011	\$57,936,998
Current Funded State Appropriations	<u>\$28,986,359</u>
Net Unfunded/Shortfall for Dix for SFY 2010-2011	\$28,950,638

**Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities  
Dorothea Dix Allocated Budget Costs for SFY 10/11 - State Appropriations Only  
Based on Current Operations**

Number of Beds							Total
Acute	Adult Long Term	Medical	Pre-Trial and Forensic-Maximum	Forensic-Medium	Forensic-Minimum	Clinical Research Unit	Child Outpatient
60.00	50.00	18.00	40.00	20.00	25.00	12.00	-
225.00							

Bed Capacity at Dorothea Dix

State Appropriations Required for Dorothea Dix Hospital

SFY 10/11 Required Appropriations (Salaries and Operating)								
\$ 28,950,638	\$ 12,829,431	\$ 2,494,857	\$ 5,420,264	\$ 2,852,770	\$ 3,565,963	\$ 1,070,310	\$ 752,764	\$ 57,936,998

Current Budget Funding to Support Operations (by Unit)\*

Allocation of Actual Costs (Salaries and Operating)								
0.00	\$ 12,829,431	\$ 2,494,857	\$ 5,420,264	\$ 2,852,770	\$ 3,565,963	\$ 1,070,310	\$ 752,764	\$ 28,986,359

Unfunded Shortfall for Dorothea Dix Hospital

Budget Shortfall (Salaries and Operating)								
\$ (28,950,638)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (28,950,638)

\*Current funding is appropriated to Central Regional Hospital and related to beds in process of transfer from Dix to Central Regional.

Note: The chart reflects State appropriation only and allocated costs are based on the actual expenditures in SFY 10, number of beds per service unit and other support costs (i.e. pharmacy, housekeeping, dietary, IT, etc.